



**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

Supervisor Ken Fletcher called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher, and Clerk Mary Clark

Members Absent: Trustee Karen Mojica

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Watkins, Deputy Township
Manager Jen Roberts, Chief John Clark and Lt. Jeff Campbell

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

III. SET/ADJUST AGENDA –
Approved as presented.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

Possible Ordinance Requiring Generators at Specified Occupancies –

Chief Clark stated after the EOC Ice Storm activation a discussion occurred with regard to requiring generators and some emergency lighting. During his update to the Committee members the following points were brought up:

- The facilities of concern were VOA, Delta Retirement, Sterling House and the senior apartments off Willow Highway.
- The Township is at the point where it needs to decide what we are going to do as a Township, since we do not have an ordinance in place.
- Do we want to look at it legislatively and how would it work?
- Where do we draw the line with regard to having emergency generators?
- We could ordinance this under the building code, but it would be tough to make it retroactive, and could only be enforced if a renovation of 50% or more is done.
- Most businesses would be unable to shut down 50% of their business for renovations, and even if they could they would only do 49% to get around the new requirements.
- A suggestion to have the State take the lead and we could feed them information to help them, and let them tackle it from a State building code level versus the local.

- Suggestion of going to these facilities and encouraging them to put in a switching facility (plug n pay).
- Suggested looking into contracting with a company who has an on call contract like Walmart has, which may be an ordinance measure the Board may want to discuss at a Township Board Committee of the Whole meeting.

A discussion on requiring businesses to have an electrical hookup versus requiring them to have a contract ensued, which included:

- Educating businesses of their options, including Plug n Pay
- Cost of making an ordinance retroactive versus a grandfather clause
- What legal position does the Township have to make such a change
- How to create an ordinance that would be user friendly
- Putting cost figures together and reaching out to businesses with a representative from the Fire Department visiting these sites and discussing the problems they had, and to try to get them to voluntarily do it while the storm is still fresh in their minds
- Possible liability reductions by insurance companies
- Equipped with plug n pay or their own generator as part of an ordinance
- The need to get these ideas out there, by providing information to businesses so that they may choose to make these changes on their own, and also letting them know that an ordinance is being discussed
- The need to look forward with regard to an ordinance in respect of future growth within the Township

Chief Clark stated that he would work with Mike Roberts to put together a draft, which will include some costs. He will bring this information to May Public Safety meeting, with hopes of taking an ordinance to the Township Board in the near future while the Ice Storm is still fresh in everyone's mind.

Delta Patrol Report, Lt. Jeff Campbell –

Lt. Campbell provided a brief summary of the problems that occurred during the Delta Patrol show of force weekend at the Lansing Mall, which included the following items:

- One arrest occurred early on for trespassing for a previously banned person
- Overheard kids talking on their cell phones warning friends to watch themselves if they came to the Mall, or better yet not to come at all
- A lot of shoppers were at the Mall
- A house party in Meridian Township during the same time
- Plans to have nine deputies working the Mall this coming weekend
- The Mall is paying for two of the most expensive deputies to be there and provide security

A discussion ensued with regard to not scaring off the public with the show of force in the Mall, training of security in the Mall, the Malls code of conduct rules, the current Mall Management, getting the Mall Security under control prior to the cinemas and Toby Keith's opening, and bus stop location.

Delta Fire Report, Chief John Clark –

Chief Clark also reported that he has been working on emergency shelters within the Township, and will continue to work on this.

V. Other Business –

Richard reported that he has not heard anything yet from Kelly Rossman-McKinney with regard to the Emergency Communication issue.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.